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1. Between 7 and 19 January 1952, the Panzer Kaserne on Berliner Chaussee, Bad Freienwalde (N 53/V 28), quartered from 2,500 to 3,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. About 120 uniformed women were noticed in the billeting area for the first time. Groups of 12 to 15 men were engaged in field training and record practice with rifles, submachine guns and machine guns during the period of observation. A total of 116 trucks, prime movers and personnel carriers were seen in the wooden garages west of the installation, on the west side of the Freienwalde-Tiefensee road. All sentries and patrols around the billeting area were doubled in strength on 10 January and continued to be doubled thereafter. Additional patrols searched the training area east and south of the installation up to a distance of 500 meters.

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- * ☐ Comment. It is believed that, as prior to the 1951 summer training period as well as following the return of troops from the troop training grounds to the Panzer Kaserne in late October 1951, the Panzer Kaserne quarters the 16th Gds Mecz Regt with its 28th Tank Bn; the 93d Tank Regt and the 95th(?) Mtrcl Bn, all of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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Considering the assumed T/O peace strengths of the aforementioned units, the estimate of about 3,000 troops in the Panzer Kaserne, as given in the present report, appears credible. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the 6th Gds Mecz Div and to headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the 16th Gds Mecz Regt which was previously confirmed in Bad Freienwalde up to 17 January 1952.

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